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Nevertheless, many of the theories of Russian sociology which Dr. Hecker outlines for us are interesting and carefully worked out, and make us wish that he would soon present in English some of the more valuable of Russian sociological treatises.

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#### NEW BOOKS

BRISTOL, L. M. *Social adaptation. A study in the development of the doctrine of adaptation as a theory of social progress.* With a preface by T. N. CARVER. Awarded David A. Wells prize for the year 1914-1915. (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press. 1915. Pp. xii, 356. \$2.)

Students of economics will find this book a helpful guide to a subject which they dare not entirely neglect, but which so bristles with difficulties that they are loath to enter it. The author's own ideas of social evolution appear only in incidental comment and in a concluding section; most of the space is used for a survey of the literature of sociology, from the time of Adam Smith and Lamarck to the present, with a description and appreciation of the ideas that have been contributed by the various writers on the subject. The author shows an extensive acquaintance with the works in his field, a sympathetic interest in many different points of view, and an ability to indicate in summary the main features of the different systems that have been proposed. Constructed on the plan of Barth's *Die Philosophie der Geschichte als Sociologie*, which has long been one of the best introductions to the general field of sociological literature, Professor Bristol's volume offers the advantage of another viewpoint, and will be useful either as a supplement or a substitute for that book.

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KIRKPATRICK, E. A. *Fundamentals of sociology.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 1916. \$1.25.)

NASMYTH, G. *Social progress and the Darwinian theory; a study of force as a factor in human relations.* (New York: Putnam. 1916. Pp. 440. \$1.50.)

PETRY, F. *Der soziale Gehalt der Marxschen Werttheorie.* (Jena: Fischer. 1916. 2 M.)

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